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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. A method of coating metal tubing comprising the steps of:
 - (1) applying an epoxy coating containing epoxy paint and plastic particles onto an outer surface of a metal tubing;
 - (2) curing said coating on said metal tubing; and
 - (3) applying a substrate to said metal tubing prior to being covered by said epoxy coating.

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8. A tube comprising:
 - an underlying metal tubing; and
 - an outer epoxy coating, ~~said outer epoxy coating plastic particles mixed~~ into an epoxy paint, wherein an intermediate substrate layer is placed between said metal tubing and said coating.

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Please cancel claim 9.